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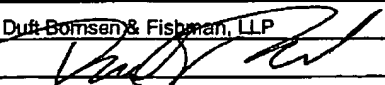
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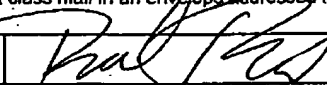
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 16 February 2006, please consider the following remarks.

**Remarks**

In the non-final Office Action mailed on 16 February 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 8-13, 16-18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Gates (United States Patent Number 6,516,366). The Examiner objected to claims 4, 6-7, 14-15, and 19 but found them allowable if appropriately re-written.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of same.

***35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection***

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 8-13, 16-18, and 20 as anticipated by Gates. In particular, the Examiner reads in claim 1 the recited step of initiating a test mode in a host adapter is read by the Examiner at Gates column 11, lines 23-26. The recited step of generating a clock signal for the host adapter is read by the Examiner generally pointing to Gates' figure 2A and the CLK40 signal therein. The step of generating PCI signals is read by the examiner as support circuit 250 of figure 2A associated with host adapted 240